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Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,
and 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

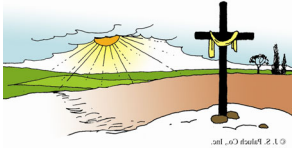
or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

April 22, 2012

Third Sunday of Easter



*“Jesus stood in their midst and said to them,
‘Peace be with you’” (Luke 24:35-48).*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday April 21

4:30 p.m. †Carol Oliver
by Dean & Tracey Lucchesi

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday April 22

7:30 a.m. †Nancy Veinotte McGee
by Mom & Dad

9:00 a.m. Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

4:30 p.m. Intention of Fr. Martin
by Joyce Womack & Jean Hunt

Monday April 23

8:00 a.m. †John Geraci
by Nancy Geraci

Tuesday April 24

8:00 a.m. Intention of Rachel Harlor
by Susan Soleau

Wednesday April 25

8:00 a.m. †Gertrude Coffey Kasel

Thursday April 26

8:00 a.m. †Anna Maliaros
by Nancy Crouthers

6:30 Spanish Mass

Friday April 27

8:00 a.m. 49th Wedding Anniversary
of Al & Terri Veinotte

Saturday April 28

4:30 p.m. †Blanche Stark
by Marion Usher

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday April 29

7:30 a.m. †Vernon Clarke by Marlene Hill

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 a.m. †Thelma Bergstrom
by Anthony & Judith Caminiti

4:30 p.m. †John Hunt
by Jean Hunt

Please note...

our **Summer Mass Schedule** will begin May 6th.
Mass times on Sunday will be **9:00, 11:00 a.m.** and
4:30 p.m. The Sunday 7:30 a.m. Mass will resume in
the fall.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those
who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and
nursing homes, *especially for the following:*

Fr. Chris Fitzgerald, Judy Helen O'Connor, Jacob Orth,
Allard, Pat Allen, Mary Evon Perry, Kathy Petrus,
Baron, Ernest Berard, Bonnie Beaudry, Mary Bonner, Rev. Joseph Presley, I.C.,
Brittany Bourassa, Don Bowdoin, John Busen, Jimmy & Lillian Pezzutti, Mary Price,
James Burke, Michael Sandova, Bill Sbuttoni, Catherine Schaefer, Mary &
Casale, Jack Caskey, William George Schembri, AnnaShoe-
Castillo, Frank Celani, Eileen maker, George Silva, Josie
Cianciatto, Carmen Connors, Silva, Mike Silva, Liz Smith,
Tony Decavalno, Chloe Delaney, Edward DeMars, Delia Jeanne Steadham, Evelyn
Devine, Tristan Dickerson, Steen, Stanton Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Richard
Tony Diolosa, Catherine & Swick, Sam Tagliarini, David
Harry Donohue, James Evans, Edith Ferris, Bernard & Tart, Keith Tyner, Sr., Keith
Marilyn Ferris, Jeannine Tyner, Jr., Betty Valleri,
Fournier, Kenny Gay, Mary Eddie Vazquez, Al Veinotte,
Geraci, Deacon Jim Hassett, Alice Veinotte, Lucy Vessa,
Bette Hazzard, Debbie Her- Gabriel Wagner, Barbara
rick Haggerty, Charlie Homs, Wellen, Margaret Wells,
Theresa Jurewicz, Dorothy Kathleen Wright, Mary
Landis, June Louche, Carol Woodard, Mary Zani, Justin
Lukban, Nancy Marino, Pete Zeigler, Mildred Zimmerman
McAteer, Olga McDermott, and the Homebound and their
John McFaul, Hector Caregivers and the repose of
Melendez, Heidi Louise the souls of Wanda Rogers,
Miller, Jeannie Mossholder, Cletus Stophal, Pat Sanborn
and Fr. Ned Spillane.

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

Daniel Hutton	Jeff Calvani
Karen Castillo	Robert Lewis
Jarred Taracido	Greg Bender
Joseph Michalek	Shawn Fleegel
Brandon Trinkle	Ryan Hurley
Juan Cruz	J.P. Zotomayor
Christian Morelo	James Angelo
Adam Murray	Helen Castillo
Kris Urquhart	Derrick M. Shea
Stefan Tyska	Rafael E. Santiago
Mickey Reese	Nathan Berry
John Openlander Jr.	Devon Michael Callicoat
John Andrew Marple	Matt Daniels
James E. Desaulniers	Jack Vine
Joshua J. Desaulniers	Jesse Witt
Lawrence Morgan Null	Bernard Ferris, Jr.
Raymond Barreto Chang	Brittany L. Jones Baker
Christopher Heacox	Adam Baker
Ryan Levy Cruz	Aran Miller
Zachary Trinkle, Cameron Trinkle	Dan Holder
Aaron C. Lint	Jesse Doyle



Today's Readings

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalms — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

Fulfillment

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; John 6:30-35
 Wednesday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Psalms 118; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Wings

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.

~*St. John Climacus*

Church

God sends no churches from the skies,
 Out of our hearts they must arise.

~*Anonymous*

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy and the green "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

Treasures From Our Tradition

The season of First Communions is here, and invitations pour in as the new communicants, mostly seven years old, gather extended families for their first reception of the Eucharist. Recently, the celebrations are often on Sundays, in the regular gatherings of the faith community. There, it becomes clear that First Communion is meant to initiate a regular pattern of reception, and that there is to be a second, third, hundredth, thousandth celebration.

Eastern Catholics and Orthodox children follow a different plan, since they are given a taste of the consecrated wine at their baptism as infants. We Western Christians delay until "the age of reason," but many years ago, Communion was not for children at all. Twelve to fourteen was the typical time for Roman Catholics to receive for the first time, and in those days this was a transition into the adult world of work and marriage. The custom did not begin to shift to childhood until reforms set in place by Pope St. Pius X began to take hold in the 1920s. If you are going to a First Communion, you can give thanks that the table of the Lord is today open so much more lavishly than before.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter; Earth Day
 Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
 Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
 Wednesday: St. Mark;
 Administrative Professionals Day
 Friday: Arbor Day
 Saturday: St. Peter Chanel;
 St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Ministries Schedule April 28th & April 29th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Bristol, D.**Altar Servers:** Lee, E.; Lee, M.**Lector:** Mano/Lopez**E.M.H.C.:** Hussey; Lanctot; Murray, G.; Barrow Silva, D. & J.; Subko**Sunday - 7:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Veinotte, T.**Altar Servers:** Parker, D.**Lector:** Rivera, R.**E.M.H.C.:** Angelo, J. & J.; Veinotte**Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Ellis, P.**Altar Servers:** Herrick, D.; Molitor, P.**Lector:** Puleo, S.**E.M.H.C.:** Pasden; Plourde; Shoemaker; Blair; Boucher; Bull; Ellis; Kroll**Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Oliu, M.**Altar Servers:** Harper, K.; Harper, M.**Lector:** Zawlocki, R.**E.M.H.C.:** Carr; DiRisio; Mattice; Mussenden; Quintas, J. & T.; Smith; Vazquez**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Williams, C.**Altar Servers:** Voor, K.; Voor, H.**Lector:** LePochat, C.**E.M.H.C.:** LePochat; Lukban; McDonough**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday:3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday:7:30 a.m. or

Anytime by appointment with priest.

Anointing of the SickFor those going into the hospital for surgery:
available anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.**Baptisms**

After required instruction, contact parish office.

MarriageContact office at least six months before desired
date and before setting date.**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis**April 22 — 28, 2012**

Sunday April 22	Faith Formation	
Monday April 23	Women's Emaus Group	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday April 24	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
	DOT Informational Mtg.	5:00 p.m.
	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts	7:00 p.m.
	Pope John XXIII Prayer Grp.	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday April 25	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
	RCIA	7:15 p.m.
	Hispanic Marriage Group	7:30 p.m.
Thursday April 26	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:30 p.m.
Friday April 27	MOM'S Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Knights of Columbus Social	7:00 p.m.
Saturday April 28	Cub Scout Bake Sale	9:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Faith Formation	5:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.

Head Usher

We wish to announce that **Don Parker**, our head usher for a number of years, wishes to hand over the reins of leadership to **Ron Mullen**. *We thank Don for his faithful years of service, and we bless Ron's acceptance of this responsible ministry.*

Diapers

Our Food Pantry here at St. Francis is **seeking diapers, all sizes**. If you would like to donate to this very needed cause, you may place your contribution in the Food Barrel, located in the South Wing, or drop them off to the parish office during business hours (8:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Remember a loved one this Mother's Day by a **Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Card**. Cards are available on the table in the lobby. Simply complete the outer envelope and place in the Parish Drop Box and send the Spiritual Bouquet Card to the person whom you would like to remember.

Missionaries Needed

Fr. Martin is looking for brave missionary souls to accompany him in visiting the houses of our parish in an effort to invite lapsed Catholics back to Church practice. If interested, please call the church office at 681-9115.

Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) will hold an informational meeting on the improvements to Martin Luther King Boulevard on **Tuesday, April 24th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Social Area and the public is invited.

Pro-Life Events

Sponsored by *LifeCare* of Brandon

- ♦ **Walk-for-Life** on Saturday, May 12th, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Brandon Center, located at 122 North Moon Avenue.
- ♦ **Volunteers Needed** as female life-coaches, married couples as Family Coaches, and men to serve as mentors to young fathers.

For further information please contact Marilynn Pasden at 685-6595 or Betsie Welch at 417-6372.

Exchange Students

Please help! We need 13 host families for 2 1/2 weeks in July for Catholic, French, teen boys. The boys all speak English and have their own spending money, are well-screened and well-chaperoned. While they are here, there are 6 full-day excursions planned and any host teens are invited to join them. A great opportunity to expand your world and make a new friend! If you can help out, email Dr. Judi Briant, English Dept. Chairperson at Armwood High School, at 813-453-9023 or email her at jbriant@tampabay.rr.com.

Online Giving

St. Francis of Assisi now offers *Online Giving*! Visit the parish website to sign up for Online Giving and begin donating to the parish automatically. Utilize the internet for the good of the parish through this secure and convenient process. Track parish giving along with your other finances by signing up today. Online Giving can be effectively used on its own or in cooperation with regular offering envelopes. If you would still like to receive envelope packets but also want to give online, you have the option to do so. For a list of FAQ's or for more information, go to the parish website at www.stfranciscc.com.

St. Francis Chronicle



Blue Jay: Are you keeping up-to-date with political events, Francis?

Francis: Well, you know I don't operate the computer, don't tweet or text, am not on Facebook...

Blue Jay: I understand all that, dear saint, but surely from your perch in the lobby you hear folks commenting on the GOP candidates and the coming general election?

Francis: Yes, I do, and I'm more confused as time goes by. I mean we have two Catholics among the GOP front-runners, a Mormon gentleman, and a libertarian – and most of the people I listen to can't seem to pick one of them. Indeed some are okaying the status quo.

Blue Jay: Wow, Francis, you certainly have picked up on the news, and it's just as you

say – confusion reigns.

Francis: And everyone seems to be up-in-arms about something. Is there no civil discourse out there?

Blue Jay: Maybe the media is adding fuel to the fire. They just love upset and dishonesty; bad news is good news for them.

Francis: And in the end it's the mighty dollar that matters. What sells best is best.

Blue Jay: Unfortunately so, Francis.

Francis: Cheer up, Bluey, we have the real news, the Good News, and that's what matters in the end. Peace be with you.

BJ: And with your spirit, Francis.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Maria LePochat	651-9813
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos	
Adam DeMary	
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erlandsson	661-3091
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Judy Harris	653-0055
Hispanic Ministry	
Sonia Barroso	651-4038
Hispanic Religious Education	
Cristina Garcia	662-6195
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla	657-0218
Home/Hospital Visitation	
Monica & David Brandies	654-1969
Knights of Columbus	
John Wilbur	685-8786
Lectors	
Alice Murray	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Henri Plourde	689-3374
Pastoral Council	
John Angelo	684-2774
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva	649-8957
RCIA	
Deacon Dick Beaudry	689-0769
Respect Life	
Marlene Hill	684-8628
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey	685-8242
Tender Care/Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	
John Familetti	681-9115
Ushers	
Don Parker	689-6758
Women's Guild	
Theresa Redgrave	409-3255
Youth Group	
Steve Jarosz	655-4968

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we acknowledge and salute, **Ann Geiger, Lector...**
Thank you, Ann!!

Stewardship Reflection

"Then He said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts. Look at My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself.'" ~Luke 24:38-39
These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. **How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when He sacrificed His entire body for us?**

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, April 8, 2012

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection	\$8,651.36
Children's' & Youth Envelope/Contents	4/\$13.00
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$1,080.00
On Line Giving/Building Fund	\$80.00
Easter Collection	\$8,964.00
On Line Giving/Easter Collection	\$235.00
Total Easter Collection	\$9,199.00
Total Collections for this week	\$19,023.36
Envelopes Issued/Used	826/245(29%)
Budgeted Expense This Month	\$45,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date	\$32,064.11
APA 2012	\$43.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

8:30 p.m.	280
7:00 a.m.	352
9:00 a.m.	461
11:00 a.m.	647
1:00 p.m.	422
Total Attendance:	2,162

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Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because
of your support, we are able to help those in need.

Thank you and God bless!!

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast



Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus
Blessed Antonio Rosmini Council 14278

Date: Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th

Time: 8:00 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Place: Social Hall

Tickets available after Mass the weekend of May 5th & 6th or at the parish office during business hours (8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.) and at the door on May 13th.

Family: \$18.00

Adults: \$6.00

Children*: \$3.50

*Children—16 years of age and younger



Happy Mother's Day!